MONTE CRISTO'S CASTLE

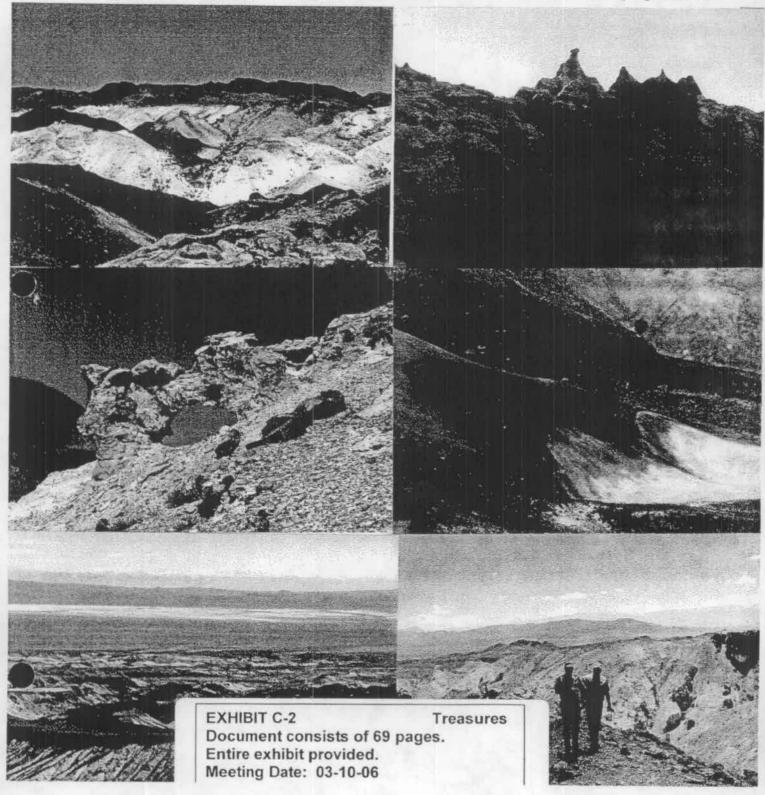
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PROPOSED SITE FOR A NEW NEVADA STATE PARK IN ESMERALDA COUNTY NEAR TONOPAH

Plans include an area for a new astronomical observatory. This area was recently recognized as the number one astronomy viewing area in the entire United States.

Below are pictures of this exciting area of multiple potentials:

Stargazing Photography Hiking Geological Studies Nature Studies Camping More!



MONTE CRISTO'S CASTLE

(proposed)

NEVADA STATE PARK

ESMERALDA COUNTY, NEVADA

35 miles north of Tonopah on US Highway 95 at Blair Junction/ Silver Peak turnoff

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Monte Cristo's Castle (proposed) State Park

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Nevada Newsmakers TV Segment, January 2, 2006

MAPS of the PROPOSED STATE PARK AREA

On The following pages are maps which show details of the area, the location in Nevada of the proposed park, the prime area of attraction in the park, and details of the designated hiking and viewing areas. It should be noted that Area 1 identified on the hiking map may readily be made accessible for the enjoyment of handicapped persons.

Proposed site is currently controlled by BLM

Park Area	Esmeralda County area
6400 acres or 10 sq mi	3589 sq mi
1/4 of 1% of the County	99% Federal Government owned

Monte Cristo's Castle State Park (proposed) 3N38E (below) 32 **Blair Junction** Silver Peak 2N38E (above)

Nevada State Park Comparisons

Average size of Nevada's 24 State Parks 5,333 acres

Monte Cristo's Castle requested 6,400 acres

Median size of Nevada's 24 State Parks 17,649 acres

NO state parks in Esmeralda County
Five state parks in Lincoln County
Four state parks within 35 miles of Las Vegas
Six state parks within 35 miles of Carson City
Five state parks within 25 miles of Panaca
NO state parks within 60 miles of
Monte Cristo's Castle

US95

Tonopah 35miles

South boundary = US95/6

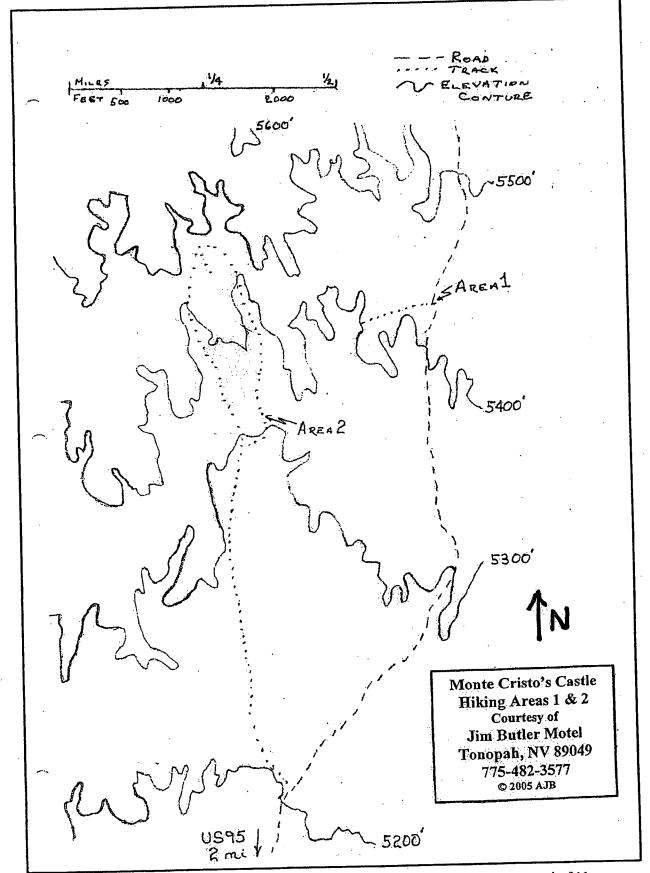
East boundary = Esmeralda County dirt road 14

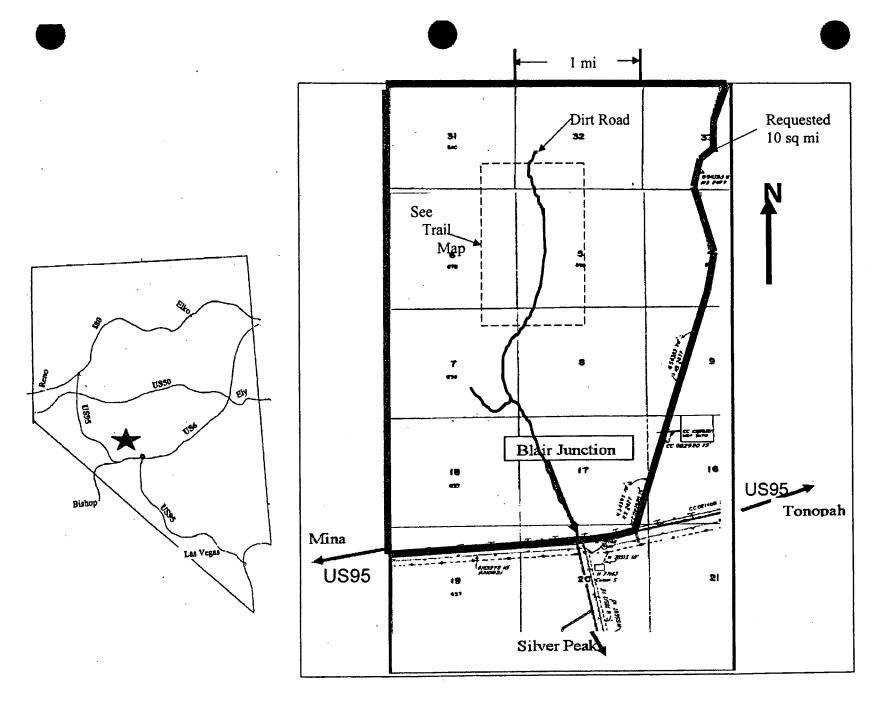
West boundary = west edge of T2N-R38E and T3N-R38E

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35miles

US95





Monte Cristo's Castle (proposed) State Park

REASONS TO HAVE A PARK AT MONTE CRISTO'S CASTLE

- The area needs protection and supervision to prevent erosion that can be caused by motorized vehicles. Some of the soil in the area is very fragile and can easily be disturbed.
- 2. This area is presently being enjoyed by many tourists and tour groups for the geology, hiking, and photographic appeal of the area.
- 3. The area meets the requirements for an exceptional stargazing site. In August 2004, USA TODAY identified Tonopah as the best area in the United States for stargazing.

JUSTIFICATION FOR A STATE PARK IN THIS AREA OF NEVADA

- 1. Esmeralda County has no State Park.
- 2. Esmeralda County is 99% federally owned. The lack of private land constricts the possibilities for development in this economically depressed county.
- 3. The park will be a boost economically to Esmeralda, Nye, and Mineral Counties and add synergy to other tourist activities in the area.
- 4. It is an exciting, unique geologic area that surpasses the diversity of other park areas in Nevada.

ADVANTAGES OF THE AREA

- 1. The main area of attraction is just three miles from US 95 well within the distance most visitors would venture off the highway.
- 2. THERE ARE NO ACTIVE MINING CLAIMS in the proposed park area
- 3. Electric power is available at US 95. This answered a concern of Nevada State Parks Administrator, Dave Morrow.
- 4. Water is available within the park area. This answered another concern of Nevada State

CATALYST

Establishing a State Park would act as a catalyst to turn the area into a tourist destination rather than a place to drive through as quickly as possible. The area surrounding the proposed park has the following features that would attract tourists:

- 1. Tonopah Historic Mining Park, (the best rural museum in Nevada for the last four years).
- 2. Dry lake beds for land sailing within 1 to 5 miles
- 3. Sand dunes for dune buggy enthusiasts within 20 miles
- 4. Hundreds of dirt roads and tracks for off road vehicles in the surrounding area
- 5. Nearby Toiyabe Crest Trail 66 miles of hiking the peaks of the Toiyabes
- 6. Horse riding trails
- 7. Natural hot springs right temperature for soaking
- 8. Best birding site in Nevada
- 9. Near three wilderness areas- Arc Dome, Alto Toquima, Table Mountain
- 10. "The Sump", an area that is a great viewing and rockhounding site
- 11. USA Today recognized the area as the best spot in the USA for stargazing (Aug. 6, 2004)
- 12. Near highest peak in Nevada which attracts hikers from all over the USA
- 13. Ghost towns dotted through the area loved by visitors
- 14. World soaring records are expected to be set on the exceptional air currents in the area

Following are potential sources of financial and in-kind support

***Bureau of Land Management

The value of the requested 6400 acres at \$1200 per acre totals \$7,680,000 as matching funds for grants. Requests have been made to Senators Reid and Ensign and Members of Congress Gibbons, Berkley and Porter to release the land for a State Park

***Question 1- Conservation and Resource Protections Grant Program

Esmeralda County qualifies for funds to be awarded for "general natural resource protection projects and recreational trails"

*** Nevada Economic Development Fund

The \$5.7 Billion budget proposed by Governor Guinn includes economic diversification as the third priority after education and health care. This includes a \$10 million grant program for economic development. This State Park project would provide economic diversification for Esmeralda County and the central Nevada area. (See figures on Economic Impact on page 8).

***Recreational Trails Program (RTP) of the Federal Highway Administration

\$711,000 for FY 2005 was allocated and this project could have qualified.

*** National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

Currently assisting eight projects in Nevada with three new projects

***Community Development Block Grants

Esmeralda County qualifies

***Nevada Department of Transportation

Improvement to the access for US95

Improvement to the road into the park has been mentioned by the former head of NDOT Upkeep and beautification, including a turn lane at the US 95 intersection at Blair Junction

***Nevada Commission on Tourism

Grants for advertising the area and signage

*** Central Nevada Recreation Association

Track down and apply for grants for development

***Corporate & Private Donations

Defense contractors at the Tonopah Test Range are being solicited to donate under High Desert Resources Conservation and Development Council, a 501c3 organization, which has adopted the Monte Cristo's Castle project under their umbrella

*** Nevada Committee for the Development of Projects Related to Tourism

Grant funding

***Nevada Mining Association

Possible donor of interpretive signs

***University of Nevada

Student and faculty projects

*** Nevada Conservation Camp

Possibly use inmate labor from the camp located near Tonopah.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR ESMERALDA, NYE, AND MINERAL COUNTIES

Implementation of this State Park would enhance the economies of these three counties by:

\$900,000 in retail sales annually

\$582,750 increase in local personal income annually

\$58,500 in tax receipts annually

\$108,000 increase in bank deposits annually

Resulting in:

83 new industry related jobs

105 new households

5 new retail related stores.

The above figures are based on an average of 75 visitors per day (see below) and are derived from formulas in the <u>Tonopah Century Plan</u> provided by Tom Hudson Company in association with The Hingston Roach Group and Urban Design Studio.

Visitor Statistics

Miller Point Overlook at Cathedral Gorge is off US 93.

_ Distance from highway and attraction are comparable to Monte Cristo's Castle.

The table below provides 2003 Nevada State Parks statistics on visitors to Miller Point Overlook (MPO) with NDOT traffic counts on US93 near MPO and US95 near Monte Cristo's Castle (MCC). Based on the ratio of traffic counts on US95 v US93, an estimate of the daily average number of visitors to Monte Cristo's Castle (MCC) is presented.

	average				
Lacation	Cars/day		# cars stop/day	#visitors/day	#visitors/year
Location	1035	2	20.5	51	18,700
MPO – US 93	1500	2	30.0	75	27,375
MCC – US 95	1300				

LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE SUPPORT

Our list of supporters for this project includes Nevada State Senators, Members of the Assembly, members of the Executive branch, County Boards of Commissioners, members of the Federal government, local and regional organizations, and Nevada taxpayers. They are all listed for your information in a table on following pages.

Esmeralda County Commissioners on November 23, 2004 sent a resolution to the State of Nevada requesting the establishment of a State Park at Monte Cristo's Castle. The Boards of County Commissioners from Esmeralda and Mineral Counties and the Town of Tonopah have all documented their support for the project.

Members of regional tourism groups, such as the State designated Pioneer Territory and the Highway 95 Coalition all support the project.

We have letters of support from fourteen different organizations and clubs in the Tonopah/Goldfield area. These organizations represent a wide variety of interests.

We have petitions of support signed by individuals in the immediate area as well as signatures from citizens throughout the state and tourists from other states and countries.

In recognition of the value of a new State Park to rural Nevada's tourism industry, Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt and the Nevada Commission on Tourism have presented the 2005 Excellence in Tourism award to Andrea Robb-Bradick the initiator and prime mover of the State Park proposal.

Concerns About The Proposed Park

The only point of opposition we have heard was from a hunter who thought it might impact the hunting in the area. This has not been the case in other State Park areas and it is, at times, possible to hunt in Nevada State Parks, according to our understanding of NRS 407.065 (1)(c).

There have been questions of mining claims in the proposed area. There are NO active claims.

Federal			
Secretary of Interior, Gale Norton	Personally presented with documentation and a CD of photographs by former Nevada Attorney General, Frank Sue Del Papa.		
US Senator Harry Reid	Personally presented with documentation and a CD of photographs by former Nevada Attorney General, Frankie Sue Del Papa. Requested to transfer land to Nevada.		
US Senator John Ensign	Requested to transfer land to Nevada. The senator's Rural Coordinator, Kevin Kirkeby, is actively supporting the effort.		
US Congress Members Gibbons, Berkley & Porter	Requested to transfer land to Nevada.		
BLM	Former BLM State Director, Bob Abbey, and current Director, Ron Wenker, have been briefed, Regional Manager, Gerald Smith coordinated visit to the site by BLM Recreation Specialist.		
	Bill Fisher, BLM Tonopah Station Manager, contacted regarding transfer of BLM land to State of Nevada Robert Perrin, Recreation Specialist, toured Monte Cristo's' Castle 12/3/04 and gave recommendations. Conrad Hinshaw, BLM consultant, found BLM had proposed Monte Cristo's Castle as a recreation area in		
	1963		
BLM's Northern Nevada Resources Advisory Council	Geologist member of the RAC, Jim Eidel, toured the area and was fascinated by the geologic formations		
US Forest Service, Tonopah Ranger District	Geologist, Jim Rigby, verbal expression of support.		
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Nevada State			
Executive			
State Parks	David Morrow, Nevada State Parks Administrator; H. Alan Newberry, Chief of Ops & Maint.; J. Stephen Weaver, Chief Planning & Development; plus several other State Park staff have toured the area		
Lieutenant Governor's Office	"LoRee" Burt assisted in identifying possible sources of funding. Also coordinating with Susan Hoss-Rose and Rennie Schreiber		
State Lands	Supervisory Land Agent Ruth Danner (now retired) has toured the area		
Commission on Tourism (NCOT)	Bruce Bommarito and staff support the park proposal. Bestowed 2005 "Excellence in Tourism" award on Andrea Robb-Bradick, the initiator and prime mover of the park proposal.		
Department of Transportation (NDOT)	Local Government Liaison, "Sandi" Stanio will help identify possible grant sources.		
Economic Development Commission	Former Director of Rural Economic Development, Carl Dahlen, indicated Esmeralda County is eligible for Community Development Block Grants. Director Rural Economic Development, Audrey Allan, former Director of EDEN, Mary Wilson, and Director of EDEN, Paula Elephante have been briefed.		

Note: Copies of some letters and petitions of support are provided in Appendix A

Nevada State (continued)			
Legislature			
	Introduced AB283 (2005) to establish the state park		
	Toured the area and supports the park		
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	Letter of support		
	Email of support		
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	Letter of support		
	Letter of support.		
Assemblywoman Parnell	Letter of support.		
Assemblyman Seale	Letter of support.		
Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert	Letter of support.		
Assemblyman Hardy	Verbal expression of support & signed support petition		
Assemblyman Mabey	Verbal expression of support & signed support petition		
Assemblywoman Angle	Verbal expression of support.		
Assemblyman Goicoechea	Verbal expression of support.		
Assemblyman Holcomb	Verbal expression of support.		
County/Region			
Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners	Resolution in support of the state park passed by the		
	commission		
Mineral County Board of Commissioners	Letter of support.		
Nye County	Natural Resources Director, Dr. James Marble, visited		
•	the area and deems it ideal for stargazing.		
Pioneer Territory	Members of this central Nevada tourism organization		
	voted its unanimous support and provided a letter.		
Highway 95 Coalition	Verbal expression of support		
Local			
Town of Tonopah	Letter of support from Tonopah Town Board		
Tonopah Chamber of Commerce & Mines	Letter of support:		
Goldfield Chamber of Commerce	Letter of support		
Tonopah Development Corporation	Letter of support.		
Central Nevada Museum	Letter of support.		
Central Nevada Historical Society	Letter of support.		
Tonopah Elks Lodge #1062	Letter of support.		
Tonopah Senior Center Project Council	Letter of support.		
Beta Sigma Phi / Xi-Theta Chapter	Letter of support.		
Beta Sigma Phi/ Mu Chapter	Letter of support.		
Beta Sigma Phi/ Preceptor Upsilon Chapter	Letter of support.		
Tonopah Astronomical Society	Letter of support.		
Miner's Mall	Letter of support.		
Tonopah Public Library	Letter of support		
THE PUBLIC			
Washoe District Court Judge Peter Breen	Supports the park and will testify at legislative hearings		
Former Nevada Attorney General,	Supports the park and has intervened with US Senator		
	Harry Reid and Secretary of Interior Gale Norton		
Frankie Sue Del Papa The Boorle of Neveda from Reno to Boulder City and	Signatures of over 100 individuals and business owners		
The People of Nevada – from Reno to Boulder City and	have been gathered on petitions in favor of the park.		
Death Valley to West Wendover	ritzerland & Guatemala signed a petition in favor		

APPENDIX A

LETTERS and PETITIONS of SUPPORT

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February 14, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, Nevada 895111

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

Thank you for your informative letter regarding your efforts to establish a new Nevada State Park at Monte Cristo's Castle in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

Rural Nevada's scenic beauty and endless possibilities for recreational activities make it a perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts. I commend you for the work and organization you have put into this project.

Assemblyman Rod Sherer submitted Bill Draft Request (BDR) 990 to create a state park in Esmeralda County. The details of BDR 990 are confidential until it is introduced. You may monitor the status of the bill by Internet (www.leg.state.nv.us) or by calling the Legislative Hotline (775-684-3300). After the BDR is introduced, it will be referred to the appropriate committee for further consideration and public testimony. The committee hearing is an excellent opportunity to voice your support. You may want to contact Assemblyman Sherer for more details.

Thank you again for the information and your commitment to the State of Nevada. I assure you that I will remember your comments when given the opportunity to consider any related bills. Please contact me again if I can be of service.

Sincerely,

William J. Raggio

Senate Majority Leader

WJR/st:W51177 cc: Assemblyman Sherer

Bradick-Andrea

From:

"Titus, Dina Senator" < dtitus@sen.state.nv.us>

To:

"Andrea Robb-Bradick" <andrea@bradick.reno.nv.us>

Sent:

Thursday, February 10, 2005 3:08 PM

Subject:

New Nevada State Park

I would support such a measure. Is any action expected or needed by legislators? If so, who's your sponsor?

D.T.

Andrea Bradick

From:

"Andrea Bradick" <Andrea@bradick.reno.nv.us>

To:

"Titus, Dina Senator" < dtitus@sen.state.nv.us>

Sent:

Thursday, February 10, 2005 8:17 PM

Subject:

Re: New Nevada State Park, Monte Cristo

Thank you for your positive response. Our area representative, Senator Mike Mc Ginness, is a sponsor as well as Rod Sherer in the Assembly.

We look for your support and hope you can encourage other legislators to support this economically disadvantaged area of

Nevada. The park will be a catalyst for other area projects that will help the economy.

I am a novice in this process but I believe it would take action from the legislature to fund the development. The new park can be combined with other area State Parks for supervision. We have been researching grants that can help with the development of the park. We have been contacting major military contractors at the Tonopah Test Range for support. The project is in the process of being incorporated in a 501c3 so we can encourage contributions. The area of this proposed park is a prime candidate for Question 1 money to help with development.

Thank you again for your support!

Andrea Robb-Bradick

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON

SENATOR Washoe No. 2



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Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, Nevada 89511

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

I appreciated your very informative letter regarding your proposal to establish a new Nevada State Park in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

The area of the proposed park is one of great beauty and offers visitors a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the natural landscapes of our unique state. With the added bonus of additional economic benefits for Esmeralda County, the park would be a great asset for the State of Nevada.

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 990, as submitted by Assemblyman Rod Sherer, will likely be introduced in the near future and I look forward to offering my support for this project.

Thank you for all your interest and hard work in the promotion of the park which, if established, will be a much-enjoyed recreational destination for vacationers in the years to come. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Maurice E. Washington Nevada State Senator

Washoe County Senatorial

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March 1, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

I would like to thank you for spending the time and energy to send me a letter. I look forward to reviewing the material on the proposed state park at the Monte Cristo's Castle that you have sent me via e-mail. It is my intention to give your idea favorable consideration, but, I will weigh this information along with all the research and testimony provided prior to my taking action on the measure.

Thank you again for taking the time to avail yourself of our governmental process. If there is anything else I may be able to help you with, please feel free to contact me in the future.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Nolan, Senator The Great State of Nevada

DN/srl

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Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

Thank you for your informative letter regarding the establishment of a new state park in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

The area suggested for the park is certainly a beautiful one and would be enjoyed by many visitors. Esmeralda County would undoubtedly gain economically from this fine idea.

Assemblyman Rod Sherer submitted Bill Draft Request (BDR) 990 to create a state park in Esmeralda County, but it has not been introduced yet. While I am very supportive of this proposal, it may be difficult to fund as the state faces many pressing financial issues. I encourage you to monitor BDR 990 through the Legislature's Web site (www.leg.state.nv.us) or through the Legislative Hotline (775-684-3300).

I appreciate all the work and thought you have put into this idea. Thank you for providing me with the park proposal information. Please contact me again in the future if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hettrick

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Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

Thank you so much for your recent letter. I appreciate all the research and effort you have shared with me regarding establishing a park in Esmeralda County.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything further I can do to assist you in this worthwhile endeavor. It is citizens like you who will help ensure that Nevada remains the outstanding state that it is.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell



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February 21, 2005

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Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

Thank you for your interesting letter regarding your proposal to establish a new Nevada State Park in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

Esmeralda County is an area of beautiful landscapes not often seen by many Nevadans. A park in the area would undoubtedly bring many more visitors to enjoy the unique landforms and enjoy the outdoor experience. It would also bring much needed economic benefit to the county.

Assemblyman Rod Sherer will likely introduce Bill Draft Request (BDR) 990 in the near future. As you know, BDR 990 proposes to establish a state park in Esmeralda County, and I am supportive of the establishment of the park dependent on available funding.

Your organization and work in the promotion of this idea is very much appreciated. If the park is established, it will undoubtedly be enjoyed by generations of Nevadans to come. Thank you for all your efforts. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Seale

Nevada State Assemblyman

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February 21, 2005

Ms. Andrea Rob-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno NV 89511-8632

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

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Thank you for contacting me regarding Monte Cristo's Castle State Park. What a beautiful area.

I am pleased that you have made me aware of this project, so that I will be informed when legislation is introduced.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert

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COUNTY and REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING THE MONTE CHRISTO CASTLE AREA AS A STATE PARK

WHEREAS, Esmeralda County has no State Parks;

AND WHEREAS, The Monte Christo Area is deemed to be of important scenic and historical value;

AND WHEREAS, A State Park Designation for the Monte Christo Area would likely enhance Esmeralda County as a tourist destination which would in turn lead to added economic growth:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Esmeralda County hereby supports the designation of the Monte Christo Area as a State Park;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded forthwith to the State of Nevada;

ADOPTED this 23 day of November, 2004

BOARD OF ESMERALDA COUNTY

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January 5, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick:

Thank you for informing us about Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. We fully support having state park in our area.

A state park would increase tourism and, thereby, produce a very needed, positive impact on our communities. Further, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for the residents of the area.

Sincerely;

BOARD OF MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Richard Bryant, Chairman

RB/hjw

PO Box 270 Pioche, Nevada 89043-0270 Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Nevada Division of State Parks David K. Morrow, Administrator 1300 South Curry Street Carson City, Nevada 89703-5202

Dear Mr. Morrow:

I am writing on behalf of both Pioneer Territory and myself in support of the proposed Monte Cristo Castle State Park. Andrea Robb-Bradick made an excellent presentation at our January meeting and the membership unanimously voted to support the proposal. Andrea owns the Jim Butler Motel in Tonopah, and unlike some of the business owners in Lincoln County, fully understands the importance of the Nevada State Park System to the region's ultimate prosperity.

Many of the rural areas of the state are either stagnant or are in decline, primarily because the mining and livestock industries that sustained them are also in decline. We believe that the short-term survival of many of our communities depends upon tapping the tourism potential of the region. Nevada has tremendous natural resources that are not readily apparent when traveling the long, lonely stretches between Las Vegas and Reno. The typical traveler is only trying to cover that void as rapidly as legally possible without a passing thought to what might be concealed behind the many mountain ranges. One of those concealed scenic spots is the area known as Monte Cristo Castle. This area is only a few miles off of busy U.S. 95 in Esmeralda County, west of Tonopah. Pioneer Territory recently hired Roger Brooks, of Destination Development in Olympia, Washington, to inspect the region for tourism potential. One of his most important points, not lost on us, was that it is necessary to find something to do that will last at least an hour for every four-hours that it takes to get there, if the traveler is going to stay overnight and benefit the economy of the region. Tonopah is about four-hours from the two population centers of the state; so this means that it is going to take more than the few attractions in town to induce the traveler to stay overnight. The camping, hiking and photo-ops offered by this proposed park is enough to justify its formation, but an added bonus will be the star-gazing potential of the region. The folks of Tonopah have determined that this area has the darkest night sky in the nation, and thereby has great star viewing potential.

There are a few other curious, but important facts, that should help justify this park. The fifty-mile stretch of highway between Coaldale Junction and Tonopah is one of the most dangerous in the state, and as such, has been designated a daylight headlight section.

People are fatigued and driving too fast and the small businesses that once dotted the highway, like Coaldale, no longer exist. The land is owned by the Federal Government and under BLM control, so a simple land exchange to the state should do the trick. One of the tourism officials mentioned that Nevada is 49th in funding of state parks. This is a pretty pitiful record for a state whose principal industry is tourism. The gaming industry has not shown much interest in the past in areas outside the Las Vegas and Reno Metropolitan areas, but as Indian and legal gaming in other states have proliferated, there has been renewed interest in promoting the whole state. Please make Monte Cristo Castle one of your highest priorities during the 2005 Legislative session.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Shanks

Treasurer

Pioneer Territory

cc:

Andrea Robb-Bradick

Ed Peck

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

TOWN OF TONOPAH

102 Burro Avenue P.O. Box 151

Tonopah, Nevada 89049

Telephone: (775) 482-6336 Fax: (775) 482-3778

December 22, 2004

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for informing us about Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. We fully support having a state park in our area and request our elected officials to support it.

A state park would increase tourism and, thereby, produce a very needed positive economic impact on our community. Further, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for the residents of the area.

Sincerely,

Cindy Kaminski Vice-Chairman

Tonopah Town Board

e-mail: tonopahtown@lnett.com

Tonopah Chamber of Commerce & Mines

P.O. Box 869 Tonopah, Nv. 89049 775-482-3859

December 31, 2004

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Sincerely,

Al O'Donnell

President





GOLDFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE P.O.. BOX 204 GOLDFIELD, NV 89013 PHONE 775-485-3560 FAX 775-485-3560

April 13, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

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Sincerely

Jim Paulis

President



"Moving Forward in the Spirit of the Past" **Tonopah Development Corporation**

P.O. Box 82 Tonopah, Nevada 89049 Ph: 775-482-9680

Fax: 775-482-9846

8 February 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Mrs. Robb-Bradick:

The Tonopah Development Corporation (TDC) Board of Directors voted this evening to fully support your efforts in obtaining a dedication of the Monte Cristo's Castle area located in Esmeralda County, Nevada as a Nevada State Park.

The dedication of such an area will provide not only an opportunity for improved recreational facilities for residents of Central Nevada but create an economic impact on local economy. The location of the park also will provide another factor in promoting Tonopah as a tourist destination.

Sincerely,

Board Chairman

Central Nevada Museum

P.O. Box 326 / 1900 Logan Field Road, Tonopah, NV 89049 (775) 482-9676 FAX (775) 482-5423

cnmuseum@citlink.net

www.tonopahnevada.com

January 3, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for informing the Central Nevada Museum about Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. CNM fully supports having a state park in our area and request our elected officials to support it.

A state park would increase tourism and, thereby, produce a very needed, positive economic impact on our community. Further, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for the residents of the area.

Sincerely,

Wm. O. "Kris" Dean

CNM Advisory Board Chairman

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Central Nevada Historical Society

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Sincerely,

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CNHS President

Mr. Douglas Baker
Exalted Ruler
BPOE #1062
P.O. Box 233
Tonopah, NV 89049

January 11, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for informing us about Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. The Tonopah Elks lodge #1062, fully supports having a state park in our area and request our elected officials to support it also.

A state park would increase tourism and, thereby, produce a very needed, positive economic impact on our community. Further, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for the residents of the area.

Sincerely, Douglas Baker

Douglas Baker

Exalted Ruler, BPOE #1062

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This action was taken Feb 16-05 at

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President.

Beta Sigma Phi Xi-Theta

January, 12, 2004

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Sincerely, Bam Jaw

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Treasurer/ Beta Sigma Phi



BETA SIGMA PHI MU CHAPTER P.O. Box 3336, Tonopah, NV 89049



January 14, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Andrea;

Thank you for informing our organization of Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. We fully support having a state park in our area and request our elected officials support it as well.

A state park would increase tourism; thereby, producing a much needed positive economic impact on our community. Furthermore, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for area residents.

Sincerely,

Connie Ayers

President, Beta Sigma Phi Mu Chapter

BETA SIGMA PHI PRECEPTOR UPSILON CHAPTER PO BOX 765 TONOPAH, NEVADA 89049

March 14, 2005

Frank and Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, Nevada 8951l

Re: Support for proposed Nevada State Park - Monte Cristo's Castle

Dear Frank and Andrea:

It is with pleasure that our chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is writing this letter in support of your project. We thank you for all of the efforts you have put into this project which will be a tremendous help to Tonopah and the surrounding areas when it is approved.

It is particularly interesting to know that this area can be preserved for generations to come as a result of your time, money and effort in putting together the information and statistics for the legislature.

We wish you success in your venture and are willing to help in any way that we can. Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Regina Sauer

President

RS/af



January 14, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89511

Dear Andrea,

Thank you for informing us about Monte Cristo's Castle and your efforts to have it dedicated as a Nevada State Park. The Tonopah Astronomical Society fully supports having projects such as a state park in our area and is behind your efforts and request our elected officials to support it as well.

A state park would increase tourism and, thereby produce a much needed, positive economic impact on the Central Nevada area. Further, the park would provide improved recreational facilities for the residents of the area.

Sincerely,

Tonopah Astronomical Society

PO Box 526

Tonopah, Nevada 89049

MINER'S MALL Miner's Electronics & Western Auto PO Box 3789 – 222 Main Street Tonopah, Nevada 89049

March 14, 2005

Frank and Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, Nevada 89511

Re: Support for proposed Nevada State Park - Monte Cristo's Castle

Dear Frank and Andrea:

It is with pleasure and firm conviction that I am writing this in support of the Monte Cristo's Castle State Park in Esmeralda County. After the tour and hike that you took me on recently, I can see that this project would be beneficial to our area, and that it certainly should be protected.

You have researched this project thoroughly and have outlined the many assets that it would provide for the economically depressed areas of Esmeralda and Nye Counties.

Good luck on your project, and if there is anything else that I can do to help you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Arlene K. Friel, Business Manager

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Tonopah Public Library P.O. Box 449/167 Central Street Tonopah, NV 89049 775-482-3374 Fax 775-482-5143

Jan 18,2004

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Amy Geddes Director

Tonopah Public Library

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Virginia Ridgway introduced J. Paulis from Goldfield who passed out photos of a new attraction in Esmeralda County call Monte Cristo's Castle. It is near Goldfield and is about 15 minutes off the main highway. Esmeralda County is in the process of trying to get this named as an official State Park and would like support letters from Pioneer Territory and any town that would like to support it. J. Paulis said they would write a draft letter of support for Pioneer Territory and forward to Ed Peck and Don Shanks for approval. A motion was made to support this project by V. Ridgway and seconded by K. Medlin. Vote, passed unanimously.

2. - Goldfield is ready to take on fulfillment they just need a ball bank budget to project expenses.

3. MEETING SCHEDULE: The following tentative schedule was put together by the meeting attendees: January 14th, 2005 - Death Valley, March 17th - Dayton, May 20th - Goldfield, July 15th - Hawthorne, and September 23rd – Pahrump.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Death Valley Inn Pioneer Territory Meeting

Jan 14. 2004

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From:

"Bradick-Frank" < frank@bradick.reno.nv.us>

To:

"Andrea" <andrea@bradick.reno.nv.us> Wednesday, September 14, 2005 8:51 AM

Sent: Subject:

Fw: Monte Cristo's Castle area

-- Original Message --

From: Woody Conover
To dringrow@parks nyeav
Cc: JimButler@jimbutlermotel.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 6:57 AM

Subject: Monte Cristo's Castle area

Hi,

Please add my name to those proposing a state park in the above area.

Thank you,

Woody Conover

Sparks, Nevada 89436

Redock up information from internet and sent directly to Dave Morrow-State Parks

APPENDIX B

INFORMATIONAL ARTICLES

Tonopah #1 for Stargazing Mother Nature's Underskirt Best Birding Site in Nevada

TONOPAH IS #1 IN THE UNITED STATES FOR STARGAZING

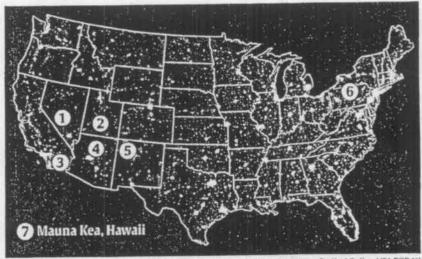
An article August 6, 2004 in USA TODAY listed our town of Tonopah as the #1 spot in the United States for stargazing. Below is the map with the listings and ratings of the top spots for stargazing. This is quite an honor and important recognition for our area. Look for increasing attention and activity in this area for the dark skies.

Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity while you are in Tonopah to enjoy the dark skies. There is information in the previous article about the stargazing packages we will lend to our customers--everything to ensure your enjoyment of the nighttime stars. We have information about the best viewing times of the month. If the moon light is interfering don't be discouraged, the moon is interesting too!

Nighttime is the right time here

If you crave stars in your eyes, Sky & Telescope magazine (skyand telescope.com) and its offshoot publication, Night Sky (nightsky mag.com) offer pointers. Some stargazing destinations far from city lights:

- 1. Tonopah, Nev. Midway between Reno and Las Vegas, this former silvermining town promises "the only brightlights you see are the stars." 775-482-3558 or tonopahstartrails.com
- 2. Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah. Ranger-led full-moon hikes and new-moon "star parties" are the most popular programs at Bryce, which boasts some of the darkest, clearest skies in the continental USA. 435-834-5322; nps.gov/brca/index.htm
- 3. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Calif. Despite light pollution from San Diego two hours to the west, it remains a stargazers' favorite. 760-767-5311; anzaborrego.statepark.org



Sources: Satellite photo by AP: NOAA: Defense Meteorological Satellite Program By Karl Celles, USA TODAY

Let there be dark: A satellite photo shows pools of light pollution.

- 4. Flagstaff, Ariz. Lowell Observatory offers day and evening tours; Flagstaff was named the first "International Dark-Sky City" for its commitment to non-intrusive outdoor lighting. 800-842-7293; flagstaffarizona.org
- 5. Chaco Culture National Historical Park, N.M. Ancient and modern astronomy meet in an otherworldly setting, 505-786-7014; nps.gov/chcu
- **6.** Cherry Springs State Park, Pa. Surrounded by the Susquehannock State Forest, this park is a mecca for East Coast stargazers. 888-727-2757; www.UpStateAstro.org/stars/cssp.html
- 7. Mauna Kea, Hawaii. Bring woolies for a night visit to the world's largest astronomical observatory, at 9,300 feet, on Hawaii's Big Island. 808-961-2180; ifa.hawaii.edu/info/vis/stargazing.html

15 MILES FROM TONOPAH-BEST BIRDING SITE IN NEVADA

I love to update and validate information I have given the guests of the Jim Butler Motel. I have told you in the preceding article of this binder that Millers Rest Stop (15 miles northwest of Tonopah on Highway 95) is a great place to spend time watching for unusual birds

September 15, 2004 in the Reno Gazette-Journal the author of a new Nevada Birding book described this area as the "single best place in the state to view a large number of different species of birds". Jack Walters recently published book "Bird Stories and Sightings In Nevada, Volume 1, Loons to Nighthawks" is now on sale at Borders Bookstores.

Author, Walters, has spotted 388 different bird species in Nevada and many have been sighted at Millers Rest Stop. Walters holds the state record for the most species seen in one year in the state of Nevada - 325- these were spotted in 2003. This birding record is impressive, as all serious birders can testify.

Flying over, Millers looks to the bird like a small green oasis. For some reason, this seems to be an area that birds travel over in their spring and fall migrations and also in their movements throughout the state. Sounds like Millers Rest Stop is the "hub" for bird flights across Nevada, doesn't it?

The preceding article in this binder lists some of the RARE bird sightings for the last few years in the area surrounding Tonopah.

We have had customers comment they suspected the traffic on the highway would deter birds from stopping at Millers Rest Stop. Not at all. The people and cars don't deter a hungry or tired little bird.

We have Nevada bird books for sale in the office of the Jim Butler Motel. Why don't you buy one and spend some time in the quiet and solitude of this bird oasis. Some of the rare birds will be out in the open for all to see and other shy birds may be secluded in the shrubs and bushes. Take some time to relax and watch the birds.

If you are a dedicated "birder" you may want to spend a few days in Tonopah (stay at the Jim Butler Motel) and travel the few miles out to Millers during the daylight hours. If nothing else - as you drive by Millers Rest Stop take a long look at the area that is an oasis for a surprising array of rare and unusual travelers in the middle of the Nevada desert.

There is so much more out here in the desert than you would imagine. It is the Jim Butler Motel's goal to tell you about it. With the amount of information we have to share, it will be years before we can tell you all the facts and stories. There will be more articles in the future in the popular binders in all the rooms!







Please do not remove this article from this binder-We are happy to give you a copy if you ask at the office. © 2004AJR

MOTHER NATURES UNDERSKIRT

Thirty-five miles north of Tonopah Mother Nature modestly lifts her skirt.

This skirt is sewn with ribbons of blues and greens of the Sierra Nevadas, another ribbon of white of the White Mountains along the state line of Nevada and California, and the last ribbons are multiple shades of brown composing the Nevada desert.



Underneath this multi colored skirt Mother Nature daintily exposes her lacy white underskirt. She exposes it very modestly so it cannot be seen from the highway three miles away. Gaudy, multi colored beads of her jewelry as well as her toys and animals are nestled among the folds of the underskirt. A short drive on a dirt road will take you to Mother Nature's finery hidden beneath the landscape of the West.

The area is covered with delicate, lacy sculptures of white eroded ash left from the explosive volcanic eruptions in this area. There is also limestone from multiple geologic eras when water covered the area.

Sometimes the water was deep ocean water and sometimes fresh shallow water. The limestone and ash has eroded into hundreds of different formations that are called hoodoos. These are irregular shaped pillars and spires with layers of volcanic tuff (cemented ash) forming waving horizontal lines along the vertical folds of white erosion.

The folds of the underskirt (canyons) are covered with boulders of pink with taffy-like swirls of white. The explosive eruptions of the past covered the area with rhyolite and andesite forming hillsides of pink, purple, gray, pale brown or white. Atop the puffy, ash surface sit boulders of incredible shapes that pique the imagination looking like a wide variety of animals and mythical characters. These boulders decompose in the elements of nature at different rates, the softer parts crumble more quickly than the resistant layers. Some erosion is extremely delicate, some picturesque, and some fanciful.

This area is called Monte Cristo's Castle It is a spectacular, small scale landscape that competes with national parks of the desert west for beauty and visual excitement. Think of it as a geologic mini park close to a well-traveled highway.

If you enjoy primitive areas that are relatively unexplored, you will love this area. The pictures you capture of the terrain won't be in any tour guide or on any chain-store calendar. It is a fresh, new area to explore with your family.

The Monte Cristo Castle area is a representation of a multitude of geologic eras that formed our earth.

Can you imagine this area under deep ocean water? There was also a time when this areas was relatively flat and shallow fresh water covered the area resembling the Florida everglades. This same area shook for 6.5 million years with multiple volcanic explosions that showered the area with volcanic materials from dust to huge blocks of rock. Few areas have such a diverse history in such a small land area. The diverse material from possibly 425 million years has eroded slowly to expose the landscape of today.

It is difficult to put into perspective the ages when this area was formed without seeing a geologic time chart. We all have heard of the Jurassic Age in our school years and are familiar with the period due to the well known movie by Michael Crighton about the dinosaurs. But what about the time frame for the other millions of years? The Jurasic Age is about halfway through the geologic development of the area.

After millions of formative years with water and volcanos, the area has spent thousands of years preparing the spectacular vistas that you can enjoy today. Areas comprised of the soil material of the Monte Cristo mountains erode up to three inches in ten years. Take a look at the size of the rocks that are exposed and the depth of the narrow, steep canyons. If you are a good judge of the depth of the canyon you can do the math and figure how long the erosion has been occurring. It would take a thousand years to erode a canyon 25 feet deep. Pretty amazing, and the time spans involved are hard to imagine.

Why don't you spend an extra day in Tonopah to go to this area?

See if your camera can capture the spectrum of color in the landscape.

The new digital cameras take outstanding landscape vistas and pick

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up the colors in the area beautifully. Take pictures of the rock formations that look like exotic animals or fantasy characters. Amaze at the wide variety of rock specimens. Discover the material that is now petrified, that grew millions of years ago. Take a look at the living organisms at the Monte Cristos that are thousands of years old. Learn about the wide variety of plant and wildlife that grows on this seemingly barren landscape. Enjoy the variety of hiking, from easy to moderately challenging. This area is a virtual geologic tour of geologic past and present.

If you ask at the motel office we have directions to Monte Cristo as well as lots more information and background of the area. Our material on the day trips is all very informative and will make your day more educational and enjoyable.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS ARTICLE FROM THIS BINDER. If you would like a copy we would be happy to give you one at the office. Thank you. ©22004AJB

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APPENDIX C

RECOGNITION of PROPOSAL INITIATOR, ANDREA ROBB-BRADICK

Lt. Governor's Award
Reno- Gazette-Journal News Article, April 21, 2005
U.S. Senator Ensign – Certificate of Congratulations
NCOT Executive Director Bommarito's Letter of Congratulations
Nevada State Treasurer Krolicki's Letter of Congratulations



Certificate of Congratulations

I, Lieutenant Governor Lorraine J. Hunt

and the State of Nevada wish to congratulate

Andrea Robb Bradick

on the occasion of receiving the Pioneer Territory

Excellence in Tourism Award

Your determination and devotion in establishing the Monte Cristo State Park in Esmeralda Country symbolizes the true character of Nevada. Thank you for your passionate commitment in promoting our great State. I encourage all Nevadans to join with me in congratulating you on this day, April 14, 2005.

Larraine T. Hunt



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NCOT awards seven for promoting tourism

STAFF REPORT

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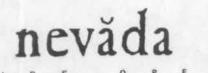
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Editors: Awards will be presented Thursday evening, April 14. Photos of the award winners will be available to you via e-mail Friday morning, April 15. Please contact Mary Paoli at R&R Partners, mpaoli@rrpartners.com, 775-323-1611, and specify which winners' photos you wish to receive and your e-mail address.

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- Pioneer Territory Andrea Robb-Bradicle a resident of Reno and owner of the Jim
 Butler Motel in Tonopah, for her hard work and devotion to establishing a Monte Cristo
 State Park in Esmeralda County.
- Pony Express Territory -- Rick Gray of the Fallon Convention and Visitors Authority for his work on developing a regional bird-watching marketing campaign to be used as a model for a statewide program.

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April 19, 2005

Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89571

Dear Andrea:

Congratulations on receiving an award of excellence at the Nevada Commission on Tourism 2005 Rural Roundup. Your dedication to Pioneer Territory is to be applauded.

Thank you for all your efforts in promoting rural Nevada as a tourism destination.

Best regards,

Bruce C. Bommarito Executive Director Nevada Tourism



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Brian K. Krolicki State Treasurer

May 16, 2005

Ms. Andrea Robb-Bradick 13220 Fellowship Way Reno, NV 89571

Dear Ms. Robb-Bradick.

Congratulations on receiving the impressive Award of Excellence from the Nevada Commission on Tourism honoring your hard work, dedication and innovative ideas that were so effective in attracting visitors to "Pioneer Territory."

I was very pleased to have been invited to be a part of the awards ceremony recently in West Wendover. What a great opportunity to meet so many of the wonderful people who help make Nevada such a special place.

Thank you, on behalf of the citizens of Nevada, for your outstanding contribution to the growth of tourism in rural Nevada.

Warmest regards,

Brian K. Krolicki State Treasurer

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